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<b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)</b>		Docket Number (Optional)	
<b>FY 2005</b>		MSDI-196/PC934.00	
(Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818))			
Application Number 10/634,206		Filed August 5, 2003	
For SURGICAL KIT AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING STERILIZED EQUIPMENT FOR USE IN SPINAL SURGERY			
An Unit 3738		Examiner Brian E. Pellegrino	

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

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	Fee	Small Entity Fee	
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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

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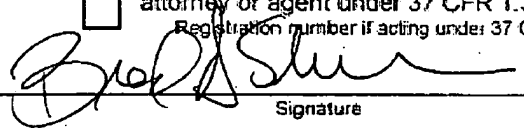
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Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed (Form PTO/SB/96).

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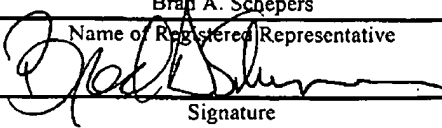
In re patent application of:	)	Before the Examiner
Powers et al.	)	Brian E. Pellegrino
	)	
Serial No. 10/634,206	)	Group Art Unit 3738
	)	
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SURGICAL KIT AND METHOD FOR	)	February 19, 2008
PROVIDING STERILIZED EQUIPMENT	)	
FOR USE IN SPINAL SURGERY	)	

Via Facsimile Transmission: 571-273-8300REQUEST FOR ONE (1) MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

A final Office Action was mailed to the Applicant on October 9, 2007. The two-month early response period expired on December 9, 2007, which fell on a Sunday, thereby extending the early response period to December 10, 2007 (the first business day after December 9, 2007). The Applicant timely filed a response to the final Office Action on December 10, 2007 within the two-month early response period. An Advisory Action was mailed to the Applicant on January 18, 2008. A divisional application claiming priority to the subject application was filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 19, 2008. Since February 18, 2008 fell on federal holiday, the filing of the divisional application on February 19, 2008 requires, at most, a one (1) month extension of time. Accordingly, remitted herewith is a fee in the amount of \$120 for a one (1) month extension of time. Please charge any additional fees which may be necessary to Deposit Account No. 12-2424, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

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# FEE TRANSMITTAL For FY 2005

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TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$) 120.00

## Complete if Known

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Filing Date August 5, 2003  
First Named Inventor Russell Powers  
Examiner Name Brian E. Pellegrino  
Art Unit 3738  
Attorney Docket No. MSDI-196/PC934.00

## METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

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☒ Deposit Account Deposit Account Number: 12-2424 Deposit Account Name: Krieg DeVault Lundy

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☐ Charge fee(s) indicated below ☐ Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee  
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## FEE CALCULATION

### 1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	0.00
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

### 2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180
<b>Total Claims</b>	<b>Extra Claims</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>
- 20 or HP =	x	= 0.00
HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.		
<b>Indep. Claims</b>	<b>Extra Claims</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>
- 3 or HP =	x	= 0.00
HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3.		
<b>Multiple Dependent Claims</b>		
<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fee Paid (\$)</b>	

### 3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).


Total Sheets Extra Sheets Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof Fee (\$)

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### 4. OTHER FEE(S)

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount) Fees Paid (\$)  
Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): One (1) Month Extension 120.00

## SUBMITTED BY

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Name (Print/Type) Brad A. Schepers (Attorney/Agent) Date February 19, 2008

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